Venezuela’s Birth Control Crisis

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Venezuela is currently having economic problems, due to their main export being oil, Covid and the majority of their citizens being non-white. It has been remarked before that birth control could be the greatest or worst invention of mankind, depending on how we choose to use it. While I understand the traditional impulse to on the one hand ban contraception altogether and then to tell women to stop having sex if they don’t want children, such is naïve. Human beings are going to have sex and you telling them not to because of what might happen is not a deterrent; it’s a moral narcissism where you get to claim the high ground while solving no actual problem. Birth control is here to stay, but we have the power to manage this evil to create the best outcomes. It’s a messy and touchy subject, but we can either deal with like grown men or clutch our pearls and do nothing.

> Our latest in a series on womanhood amid Venezuela's crisis examines how an absence of birth control has radically changed women's lives. Today in Venezuela, the minimum wage is $1.50 USD. A pack of condoms costs $4.40. A month of birth control pills costs $11. Imagine you're a woman in this situation. How do you protect yourself? How do you control your future? In Venezuela, birth control was once free at many government clinics and broadly affordable at private pharmacies. But as the Venezuelan government lost purchase power, contraception largely disappeared. It has come back in some places, but at inaccessible prices. The scarcity of affordable birth control in Venezuela has been life-changing for women, who shoulder the vast majority of child care responsibilities, just as the country's economic and humanitarian crisis has greatly expanded the challenge of being a parent.
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> Johanna, 25, with two of her six children. Johanna once dreamed of being a chemist. Then birth control disappeared in Venezuela. These days, she is up at dawn, changing diapers, hauling firewood, chopping vegetables, trying to make sure she can care for everyone. Johanna loves her kids, dotes on them. "What do you want to be when you grow up?" she asks often. But she is deeply frustrated. "Like a pit with no exit," is how she described her worst days. "All dark, you turn here, and it's all dark, you turn there, and it's all dark." As raising children in Venezuela has become increasingly difficult, the number of women seeking abortions has surged. Faldas-R, an activist group that runs an abortion support hotline, reported a 40 percent rise in calls between 2018 and 2019. But in Venezuela, abortion is illegal, and those who decide to end their pregnancies must do so in clandestine and often dangerous spaces.
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> Fexsibel was one of millions of women who can no longer afford birth control amid Venezuela's crisis. When she got pregnant, she already had 3 kids she could barely sustain. So she went alone to a makeshift abortion clinic. The provider used a hook. She died on Feb. 2. "If I could turn back time," said Fexsibel's mother, "I would talk to her, and tell her not to." But Ms. Bracho's sister, Fanix Bracho, 34, said she understood the decision perfectly. "It's very difficult to be a woman in Venezuela," she said. "I would have done the same."

Birth control, as with anything that even remotely touches on fertility, is a eugenic tool. Normies claim to think eugenics abhorrent, but what is more eugenic than dating? You try to figure out, based on a whole rage of factors and interactions, whether this person is right for, whatever it is you are looking for. Women are more eugenic than men, as their standards are naturally higher. If I had to choose what to do with contraception, it would be to tolerate it among those who are less off than others. For example, people who are the most intelligent, beautiful and/or strongest should be having the most children, while, to be frank, the dullest among us should be having the least. Such a program could reduce non-white births, as well as births among the poor and feeble minded. This would increase not just the IQ, but the genetic superiority of society to favor geniuses, hard workers, elites, and model citizens.

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